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1. IN LUNCHEON MEETING JANUARY 12 FONSEC DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF
IO AFFAIRS GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG) OFFERED FOLLOWING OBSER-
VATIONS CONCERNING MIXTURE OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

2. MEXICAN SIGNATURE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS--
DURING CONVERSATION EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF GOM SIG-
NATURE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN SHARP
CONTRAST TO CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT SOME MONTHS AGO,
GG INDICATED THAT THERE IS NOW GOOD PROSPECT THAT GOM
WILL SIGN CONVENTION WITH RESERVATIONS. AS FOLLOW-UP TO
AMBASSADOR LUCEY'S CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY ROEL ON
POSSIBLE MEXICAN SIGNATURE, AMBASSADOR IS SENDING LETTER
TO FONSEC ROEL OUTLINING INFORMATION (REFTEL B) CONCERNING
U.S. SIGNATURE WITH PROBABLE RESERVATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
CONVENTION.

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3. CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT IN SSOD--IN RE-
SPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S POSITION OUTLINED REFTEL (A), GG
INDICATED THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH
USG IN ITS EFFORT TO INCORPORATE ISSUE OF CONVENTIONAL
ARMS TRANSFER IN DECLARATION OF DISARMAMENT AND PROGRAM OF
ACTION OF THE SSOD. WHILE PREPARED TO WORK WITH USG TO-
WARD THIS OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, GG SAID THAT HE IS NOT OPTI-

MISTIC BECAUSE OTHER COUNTRIES LIKELY TO TAKE POSITION THAT SSOD IS NOT MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM TO EMPHASIZE QUESTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT. RATHER, THEY ARE LIKELY TO ARGUE THAT PREPCON MEETING IN GENEVA SOMETIME IN LATE SPRING ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IS MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, GG BELIEVES THAT GENEVA MEETING IS BEST PLACE TO PURSUE ISSUE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE THIS QUESTION FURTHER WITH GOM REPRESENTATIVE AT JANUARY 24 PREPCON MEETING IN NEW YORK.

4. ON BROADER ISSUE OF FORTHCOMING SSOD THIS SPRING, GG SAID GOM HAS APPROVED GOM PLAN WHICH ENVISIONS PROPOSING CONCRETE SHORT-TERM DISARMAMENT MEASURES THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THREE YEARS. HE OFFERED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH DOCUMENT OUTLINING GOM'S POSITION IN MORE DETAIL. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AND AS APPROPRIATE WILL REPORT.

5. UN RESTRUCTURING OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE--WHILE GG GENERALLY SEEMED PLEASED BY OUTCOME OF SECOND COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING MORE STRUCTURED APPROACH TO NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, HIS ATTITUDE WAS LESS POSITIVE THAN THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL (C). IN GENERAL, GG SUGGESTED THAT MEXICO CONTINUES TO FAVOR ECOSOC AS MOST EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND CONSIDERS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ESTABLISHED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSENSUS RESOLUTION IS TOO LARGE AND UNWIELDY TO SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE OVERVIEW MECHANISM. GG SEEMED TO THINK THAT THERE WAS STILL A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ECOSOC TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND HOPED THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO AGREE AND WORK WITH GOM ON SUCH AN APPROACH.

6. CONSULTATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES--GG INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK ABOUT FEBRUARY 24 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN ARRANGING A MEETING EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES TO DISCUSS BROAD RANGE OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES. GG SPOKE VERY POSITIVELY ABOUT MEETING THAT FONSEC ROEL AND HE HAD WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES IN NEW YORK LAST FALL AS WELL AS EARLIER "HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE" CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARY MAYNES IN MEXICO CITY LAST SUMMER. GG SAID HE WISHED TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY RE MAYNES' AVAILABILITY FOR MEETING WITH GG IN LATE FEBRUARY-EARLY MARCH. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY MEMCON OR OTHER REPORT ON

LAST FALL'S UNGA MEETING BETWEEN GOM OFFICIALS AND SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES. LUCEY

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